

Joint Agency Statement on Transportation Streamlining

(in partial fulfillment of JLARC recommendations)

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The Washington State departments of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Ecology (Ecology), and Transportation (WSDOT) acknowledge the accomplishments that the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee (TPEAC) has made in improving transportation project permitting and project delivery. From early, on-going, and more effective communication to clear and complete permitting applications and better regulatory administration, the results of TPEAC have brought more efficient and effective use of public resources and benefits for the state's transportation system and the environment.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Transportation Performance Audit Board, as well the integration, streamlining, and collaboration focus of TPEAC, WDFW, Ecology, and WSDOT will continue to advance and further the use of such beneficial TPEAC tools, products, and procedures as:

- ☐ Watershed-based mitigation tools and strategies;
- ☐ Web-based permitting tools and information;
- ☐ Multi-agency programmatic permits;
- ☐ Coordinated permitting tools and strategies, including the use of multi-agency permit (MAP) teams and interdisciplinary project (IPT) teams; and
- ☐ Model procedures and best practices for consultation with Native American tribes.

WDFW, Ecology, and WSDOT foresee a continuing need to maintain effective and productive working relationships and commit to the use of streamlining tools and innovative processes and expanding and improving the work and accomplishments of TPEAC. To this end, and as part of the Governor's Regulatory Improvement Program, WDFW, Ecology, and WSDOT will continue to work together and in partnership with the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance to advance and further the use TPEAC tools to achieve the transportation and environmental protection goals that are vitally important to all citizens of the state of Washington.